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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION OF: THEODORE M. TAYLOR
APPLICATION NO.: 09/939,432
FILED: AUGUST 24, 2001
FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
CONDITIONING A CONTACT SURFACE OF
A PROCESSING PAD USED IN
PROCESSING MICROELECTRONIC
WORKPIECES

EXAMINER: EZIAMARA
ANTHONY OJINI
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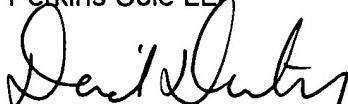
Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed March 30, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 48-50, 53-56 and 58-66. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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